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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Military Division, OCI

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ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: Activity of Fishbed Aircraft in Cuba

REFERENCE: Requirement No. OCI/19/63 (Project No. C 363-63)

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1. In response to Requirement No. OCI/19/63 (C 363-63), photography of San Antonio De Los Banos Airfield between the dates of [REDACTED] was studied to determine evidence of the movement of Fishbed aircraft. In conjunction with the photography of Camilo Cienfuegos Airfield obtained on [REDACTED] was also studied to see if there was evidence of the movement of equipment or tents during the time period of the Fishbed movement.

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2. There was no evidence of Fishbed movement at San Antonio De Los Banos Airfield between the dates [REDACTED] all of the Fishbed had been realigned along the taxiway on which they were parked and 12 of the aircraft had moved to new positions along the taxiway. [REDACTED] there were only 37 Fishbed identifiable on the airfield. Two of these aircraft were in the process of taking off and 6 others were parked on a servicing apron on the other side of the airfield. [REDACTED] only 37 Fishbed could be identified on the airfield. There are hangar and covered parking facilities at this airfield.

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3. Photography of Camilo Cienfuegos Airfield was checked on [REDACTED] There was no change in the tent count and no significant change in the vehicle or equipment count between [REDACTED] squad tents (accommodating between 420 and 500 troops) were struck and approximately [REDACTED]

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60 vehicles or pieces of equipment had departed the area. On 2 of the tent bases were 2 rows of 6 objects which were about the size of beds. This is the basis for the low figure in the estimated accommodations. The high figure is based on 16 men per tent which is the figure used in previous studies for the type and size tent.

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4. Photography of San Antonio De Los Banos Airfield obtained on [redacted] was studied to see if there had been any noticeable increase in vehicles, pieces of equipment, tents, or pre-fabricated housing with negative results.

5. The photo analysis on this project was performed by [redacted] CIA/PID/GMB (NPIC), who may be contacted on [redacted] for any additional information.

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